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Honoring the service of Native American Indians in the United States Armed Forces.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RENZI (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. BEREUTER, and Mr. FROST) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Honoring the service of Native American Indians in the United States Armed Forces.

Whereas Native American Indians have served with distinction in the United States Armed Forces and in military actions for more than 200 years;

Whereas the courage, determination, and fighting spirit of Native American Indians were strengths recognized and valued by American military leaders;

Whereas more than 12,000 Native American Indians have fought for the United States in the struggle for freedom and peace, and often in a percentage well above their percentage of the population of the United States as a whole;

Whereas the Elders of the American Indian Society have proclaimed that official recognition of the military service of Native American Indians would help engender a sense of self-esteem and pride in Native American Indians;

Whereas, although November 11, Veterans Day, marks a day of observance for all veterans who served in the Armed Forces, the establishment of a specific National Native American Indian Veterans Day would honor the service of Native American Indians in the Armed Forces; and

Whereas November 7, a date during the annual Native American Indian Heritage Month, would be an appropriate day to establish as National Native American Indian Veterans Day: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That the House of Representatives—

3 (1) honors the service of Native American Indi-
4 ans in the Armed Forces;

5 (2) recommends the establishment of a National
6 Native American Indian Veterans Day;

7 (3) encourages all Americans to learn about the
8 history of the service of Native American Indians in
9 the Armed Forces; and

10 (4) requests the President to issue a proclama-
11 tion calling on the people of the United States to ob-
12 serve the day with appropriate ceremonies, activities,
13 and programs to demonstrate their support for Na-
14 tive American Indian veterans.

